PTS for power

2886. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that one of the pre-requisites for any Public Transport System (PTS) is the availability of power or fuel;

(b) if so, whether Government have ample resources to ensure the necessary power supply or fuel supply; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Electricity is consumed by Railways for traction. Apart from motor spirit and High Speed Diesel (HSD), Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG) have also been permitted for use in public transport system.

(b) The electricity consumption of the Indian Railways for traction is only 2.2% of the country's total consumption.. State Electricity Boards/ Power Companies from whom Railways purchase electricity for traction purposes accord highest priority for supplying power. The existing refining capacity of 116.07 Million Tonnes per annum is more than the estimated current annual demand of around 104 Million Tonnes of petroleum products. The import dependence in oil sector is of around 69%.

(c) There is no power cut to public transport system or shortage of transporation fuels *i.e.* petrol, diesel and aviation transport fuel.

Maharashtra power projects for NTPC

2887. SHRI B. J. PANDA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Maharashtra has given a Power Project to NTPC;

(b) amount of power that would be generated by the plant to meet the shortage of power in the State;

(c) the details of terms of agreement entered into for the purpose; and

(d) time by which, the project would come up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI

JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) to (d) No, Sir. However, as a part of its long term planning exercise, National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has examined sites near Mauda in Nagpur district of Maharashtra for a 1000 MW power project based on water from Ghosikhurd Irrigation project presently under construction. Maharashtra Government has conveyed its in-principle consent for availability of land, and for water.

Electrification of Dalit Bastis in Gujarat

2888. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had asked the State Government of Gujarat to furnish the data relating to villages electrified, un-electrified and electrified Dalit bastis and hamlets in the State;

(b) if so, whether such data has been furnished by the State Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps Government have taken for achieving 100 per cent village electrification in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir. Government had asked all the State Governments including Gujarat to furnish the data relating to villages electrified, un-electrified, dalit bastis and hamlets in the States.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Gujarat Electricity Board have reported that as per the census of 1991 cent percent villages have been electrified. The details are as under:–

- Out of 18028 total villages as per 1991 census, 17940 villages have been reported to be electrified. Remaining un-electrified 88 villages are non-feasible for electrification.
- 25469 Scheduled Caste localities (dalit bastis) out of 25534 have been electrified. Balance 65 Scheduled Caste localities (dalit bastis) are not feasible for electrification.
- 10309 petaparas (hamlets) have been electrified in Gujarat as on 31.3.2003.